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## **REMARKS**

### **1. Status of Claims**

Claims 13-37 were pending in the Application. Applicants have amended claims 13, 21, 25 and 34 without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments and consideration of the enclosed remarks. Applicants submit that no new matter is added. Accordingly, claims 13-37 will remain pending in the application.

### **2. Rejections under 35 USC § 102(e)**

In section 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 13-15, 21, and 25-37 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,982,808 to Ogg, et al. ("Ogg '808").

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

The Examiner has cited Ogg '808 as purportedly showing multiple pass printing, but Ogg '808 does not teach or suggest multiple pass printing as taught in the present application. At Col. 19, lines 17-45, Ogg '808 discusses rendering a print buffer in multiple passes in software. The reference does not teach or suggest multiple physical passes of the print media through the feed path. Applicants have amended claims 13, 21, 25 and 34 to clarify the multiple physical path elements for cosmetic reasons without changing the scope of the claims. The respective dependent claims are patentable over the cited reference for at least the same reasons stated above.

Furthermore, the Examiner has relied upon the provisional priority date in Ogg '808, but has not provided copies of such priority documents and they are not available on the PAIR system. Applicants submit that copies should be provided to establish availability of the date and reserve the right to challenge the availability of such reference.

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Accordingly, for at least the reasons stated above, claims 13-37 are patentable over the cited reference.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw the rejection and submits that the invention as presently claimed in claims 13-37 is patentable and in condition for allowance.

### **3. Allowable Subject Matter**

In section 3 of the Office Action, the Examiner states that claims 16-20 and 22-24 contain allowable subject matter. Applicants appreciate the indication of allowability.

### **4. Conclusion Of Remarks**

For at least the reasons stated above, it is respectfully submitted that the claims of this application are in condition for allowance and early and favorable action thereon is requested.

If the Examiner believes that additional issues may be resolved by a telephone interview, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney for Applicant at (203) 924-3180.

### **5. Authorization**

No fee is believed due with this Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for the response or credit any overpayment to the Pitney Bowes, Inc. Deposit Account Number 16-1885, Order No. F-113.

In the event that an extension of time or additional extension of time is required to make this response timely filed, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time

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Respectfully submitted,



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